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NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION (NNM)
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a National Nutrition Mission (NNM);

(b) if so, the aims and objectives thereof;

(c) whether this Mission is also likely to review and revise the goals set out in the National Nutrition Policy, 1993 and the National Plan for Action on Nutrition, 1995;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the bodies working for this Mission; and

(f) the steps proposed for achieving the goals set for the Mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Nutrition Mission would be responsible for policydirection and effective coordination of nutrition programmes being implemented by the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Terms of Reference of the National Nutrition Mission include the review and revision of the goals set out inthe National Nutrition Policy of 1993 and the National Plan of Action on Nutriion, 1995 keeping in view the present nutrition profile of the country.

(e) The National Nutrition Mission is headed by thePrime Minister, and its Executive Committee is chaired by the Minister of State for Human Resource Development. It includes, amongst others, the concerned Union Ministersand some Chief Ministers, academicians, technical experts and NGOs.

(f) The Mission was notified on 31.7.2003. The Terms of Reference of the National Nutrition Mission are:

(i) To review and revise the goals set out in the National Nutrition Policy, 1993 and the National Plan of Action on Nutrition, 1995 keeping in view the present nutrition profile of the country.

(ii) To review the existing strategies adopted by the various Ministries concerned with nutrition and to revise them for achieving the goals set out by the Mission.

(iii)To put in place an effective mechanism for coordinating the efforts of the different Ministries concerned with the implementation of nutrition programmes to subserve the nutrition goals.

(iv) To review the systems of data collection and monitoring of the nutrition status across different regions, groups and particularly the vulnerable population of the country.

(v) To review research & development and disdsemination in the field of nutrition, specially regarding low-cost balanced diet, safe drinking water & sanitation, women & child development and health & family welfare.

(vi) To address special problems of nutrition during natural calamities.

(vii)Any other nutrition related issues arising from time to time.